



# How to Prevent a Run or Tear in Tights from Spreading

This guide explains how to prevent a tear in nylon tights from spreading.

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide explains how to quickly and simply reduce the spreading of a hole in nylon tights by applying nail polish. Nail polish is a quick drying substance. If administered to the edges of a run, it will harden the frayed edges and prevent the run from expanding further into the nylon.

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### TOOLS:

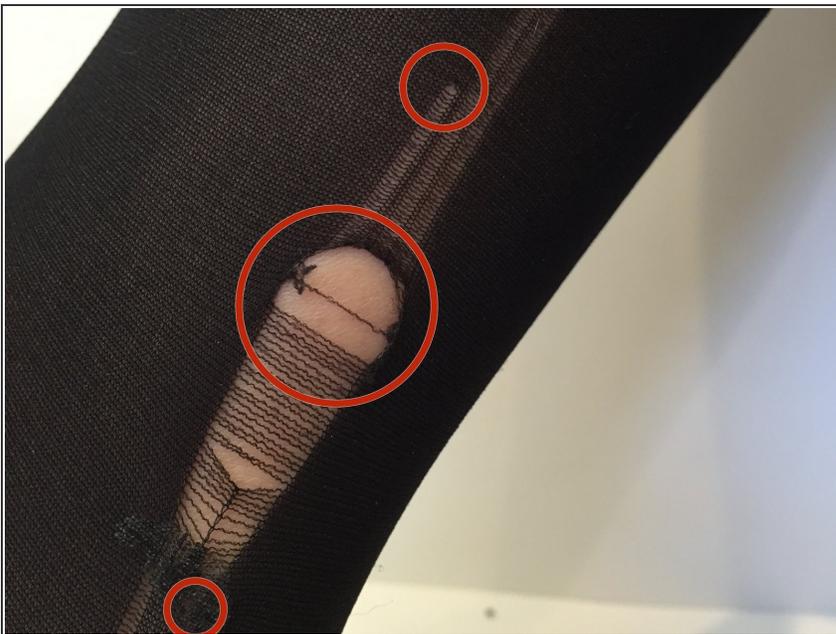
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## Step 1 — Run or Tear in Tights



- Put the ripped tights on for easier repair, or leave them on if you're already wearing them.
- Gather clear nail polish and a pair of scissors.

## Step 2



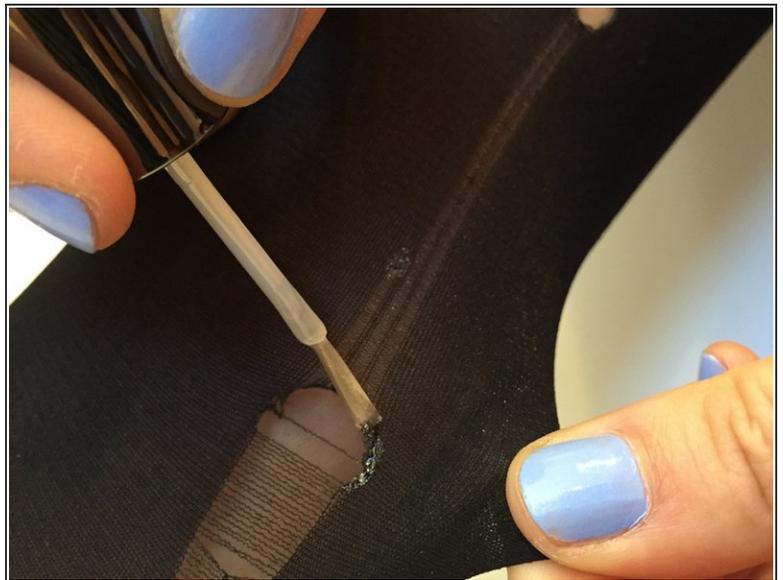
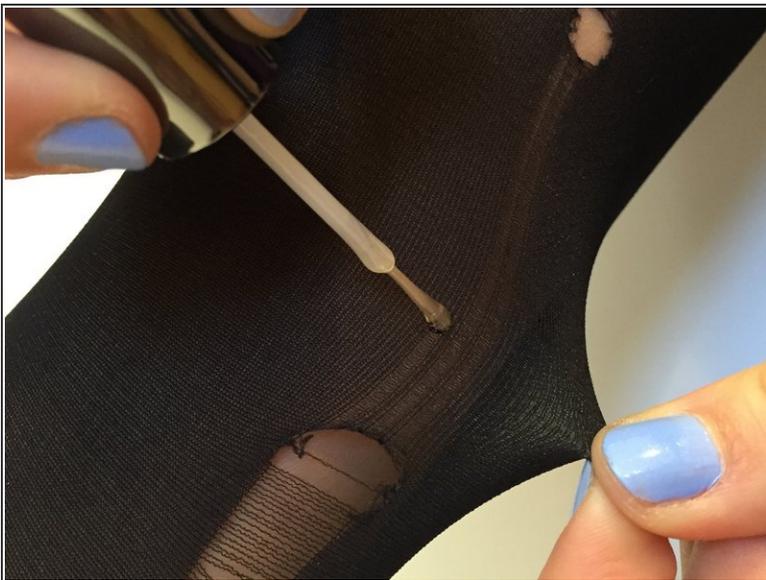
- Locate all potential runs or directions that the rip can expand.
- ⓘ Runs will not usually expand horizontally, but be sure to check both vertical ends of the run.

### Step 3



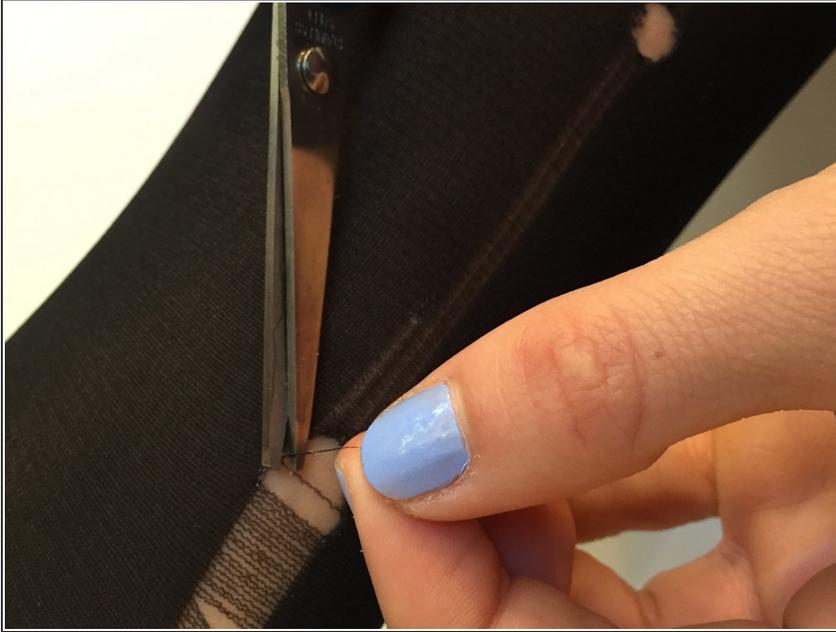
- Gently tug the tights away from your skin to prevent the nail polish from affixing to your body.

### Step 4



- Brush a dollop of clear nail polish on all potential runs.
- ⓘ Small runs will require just a dab of nail polish while larger holes may require a thin coat.
- Repeat these steps to all potential runs and loose threads.

## Step 5



- Once the nail polish has dried, you may cut any hanging pieces of thread.
- The nail polish will take about 1 minute to dry.

 Be sure to complete this step after applying the nail polish and letting it dry or a new run will form.

These steps can save a pair of tights from becoming too tattered for normal use.